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Representing and reasoning over relations in ontologies

– Tutorial –

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- ⇒ What effect does that have on the deductions? (preferably desired ones)

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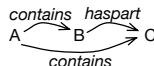
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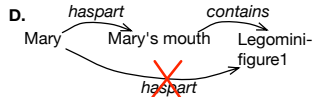
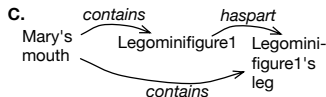
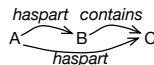
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- Deduces DataSet \sqsubseteq DataTable, which is *'wrong'*

A. SubPropertyOf(PropertyChain(contains hasPart) contains)



B. SubPropertyOf(PropertyChain(hasPart contains) hasPart)



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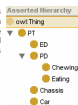
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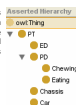


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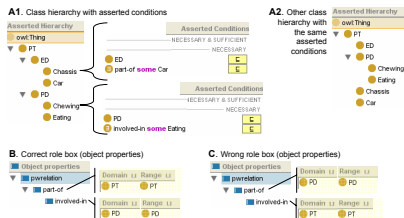
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- A1+C: Chassis inconsistent; A2+C: Chassis (re)classified as a PD
- C. But actually, the property hierarchy is *wrong* (mostly ignored by the DL/OWL reasoner, so can't find that mistake)

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Other modelling and implementation issues

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 - ⇒ Bit tricky, you have to make a modelling decision...
- These two questions surface as a consequence of different ontological commitment as to what a relation really is (or what you're convinced of it is)

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A few other modelling questions

- Should you introduce a minimum amount of properties in your ontology, or many?
- Always (try to) declare domain and range axioms?
- Use explicit inverses (extending the vocabulary) or not?
- What about ternaries?
- How to find and fix mistakes and pitfalls?
- What if solution X is better modelling than option Y but computationally more costly than Y?

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Toward solving such issues

- Meaning of relations
 - Different modelling/representation languages have varying 'ontological commitments'
 - When a relation(ship) is a specialisation of another
- Reuse relations that are already investigated widely cf. reinventing the wheel
- Methods and tools to avoid pitfalls

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A note from philosophy

- Relations investigated in philosophy
 - Nature and properties of some specific relations (parthood, portions, participation, causation)
 - ‘Categories’ of relations (material, formal) (e.g., [Guizzardi and Wagner(2008)])
 - Nature of relation itself (standard, positionalist, anti-positionalist)
- Some results more useful for ontologies and conceptual modelling than others, some even for tool development

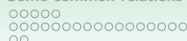
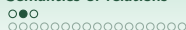
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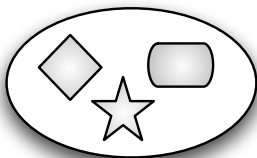


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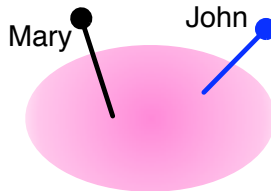
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- Standard view relies on linguistics and the English language in particular
- Formalisation predicate-centred, order of entities important

Graphical depictions positionalist, anti-positionalist

A. Positionalist



B. Anti-positionalist



- Positionalist needs argument places in the “fundamental furniture of the universe”, anti-positionalist does not



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Questions and Problems to address

- Modelling flaws in the RBox show up as unexpected or undesirable deductions regarding classes in the TBox, but current explanation algorithms (e.g., [Horridge et al.(2008), Parsia et al.(2005), Kalyanpur et al.(2006)]) mostly do not point to the actual flaw in the RBox
- What are the features of a 'good' RBox w.r.t. object property expressions?
- What type of flaws are being made?
- See [Keet(2014)]

Preliminaries (1/2)

- “basic form” for sub-properties, i.e., $S \sqsubseteq R$,
- “complex form” with property chains
- $R \sqsubseteq C_1 \times C_2$ as shortcut for domain and range axioms
 $\exists R \sqsubseteq C_1$ and $\exists R^- \sqsubseteq C_2$ where C_1 and C_2 are generic classes;
 ObjectPropertyDomain(OPE CE) and
 ObjectPropertyRange(OPE CE) in OWL.
- $R \sqsubseteq \top \times \top$ when no domain and range axiom has been declared

Definition (User-defined Domain and Range Classes)

Let R be an OWL object property and $R \sqsubseteq C_1 \times C_2$ its associated domain and range axiom. Then, with the symbol D_R we indicate the *User-defined Domain* of R —i.e., $D_R = C_1$ —and with the symbol R_R we indicate the *User-defined Range* of R —i.e., $R_R = C_2$.

Definition ((Regular) Role Inclusion Axioms ([Horrocks et al.(2006)]))

Let \prec be a regular order on roles. A **role inclusion axiom** (RIA for short) is an expression of the form $w \sqsubseteq R$, where w is a finite string of roles not including the universal role U , and $R \neq U$ is a role name. A **role hierarchy** \mathcal{R}_h is a finite set of RIAs. An interpretation \mathcal{I} **satisfies** a role inclusion axiom $w \sqsubseteq R$, written $\mathcal{I} \models w \sqsubseteq R$, if $w^{\mathcal{I}} \subseteq R^{\mathcal{I}}$. An interpretation is a **model** of a role hierarchy \mathcal{R}_h if it satisfies all RIAs in \mathcal{R}_h , written $\mathcal{I} \models \mathcal{R}_h$. A RIA $w \sqsubseteq R$ is **\prec -regular** if R is a role name, and

$w = R \circ R$, or

$w = R^-$, or

$w = S_1 \circ \dots \circ S_n$ and $S_i \prec R$, for all $1 \leq i \leq n$, or

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Finally, a role hierarchy \mathcal{R}_h is **regular** if there exists a regular order \prec such that each RIA in \mathcal{R}_h is \prec -regular.

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- Two ways to constrain a property, and either one suffices:
 - By specifying its domain or range
 - By declaring the property's characteristics



Constraining a property

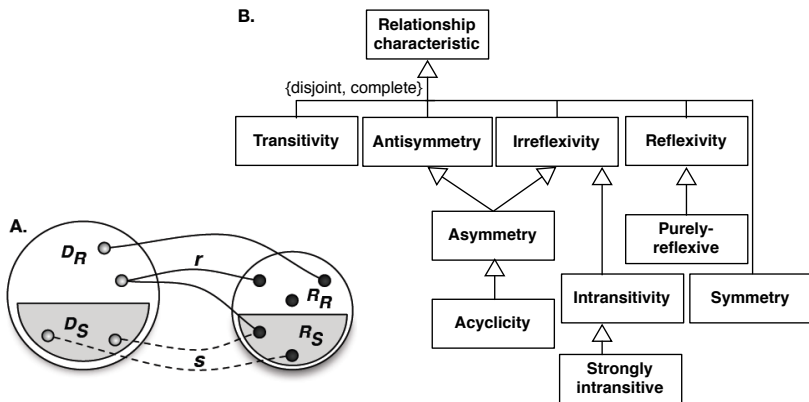


Figure: A: Example, alike the so-called 'subsetting' idea in UML; B: hierarchy of property characteristics (Based on Halpin 2001, 2011)



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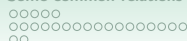
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- After that, *SubProS* checks whether the object property characteristic(s) conform to specification, provided there is such an expression in the ontology.
- It exhaustively checks each permutation of domain and range and then of the characteristic of the parent and child property in the object property hierarchy



Definition (Sub-Property compatibility Service (*SubProS*))

For each pair of object properties, $R, S \in \mathcal{O}$ such that $\mathcal{O} \models S \sqsubseteq R$, and \mathcal{O} an OWL ontology adhering to the syntax and semantics as specified in OWL 2 Standard, check whether:

- Test 1. $\mathcal{O} \models D_S \sqsubseteq D_R$ and $\mathcal{O} \models R_S \sqsubseteq R_R$;
- Test 2. $\mathcal{O} \not\models D_R \sqsubseteq D_S$;
- Test 3. $\mathcal{O} \not\models R_R \sqsubseteq R_S$;
- Test 4. If $\mathcal{O} \models \text{Asym}(R)$ then $\mathcal{O} \models \text{Asym}(S)$;
- Test 5. If $\mathcal{O} \models \text{Sym}(R)$ then $\mathcal{O} \models \text{Sym}(S)$ or $\mathcal{O} \models \text{Asym}(S)$;
- Test 6. If $\mathcal{O} \models \text{Trans}(R)$ then $\mathcal{O} \models \text{Trans}(S)$;
- Test 7. If $\mathcal{O} \models \text{Ref}(R)$ then $\mathcal{O} \models \text{Ref}(S)$ or $\mathcal{O} \models \text{Irr}(S)$;
- Test 8. If $\mathcal{O} \models \text{Irr}(R)$ then $\mathcal{O} \models \text{Irr}(S)$ or $\mathcal{O} \models \text{Asym}(S)$;
- Test 9. If $\mathcal{O} \models \text{Asym}(R)$ then $\mathcal{O} \not\models \text{Sym}(S)$; *continues....*
- Test 10. If $\mathcal{O} \models \text{Irr}(R)$ then $\mathcal{O} \not\models \text{Ref}(S)$;

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Test 11. If $\mathcal{O} \models \text{Trans}(R)$ then $\mathcal{O} \not\models \text{Irr}(R)$, $\mathcal{O} \not\models \text{Asym}(R)$,
 $\mathcal{O} \not\models \text{Irr}(S)$, and $\mathcal{O} \not\models \text{Asym}(S)$;

An OWL object property hierarchy is said to be compatible iff

- *Test 1* and (2 or 3) hold for all pairs of property-subproperty in \mathcal{O} , and
- *Tests 4-11* hold for all pairs of property-subproperty in \mathcal{O} .

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Property chains

- Recall the three cases for property chains, with $w \sqsubseteq R$:
 - Case S: $w = S_1 \circ \dots \circ S_n$ and $S_i \prec R$, for all $1 \leq i \leq n$, or
 - Case RS: $w = R \circ S_1 \circ \dots \circ S_n$ and $S_i \prec R$, for all $1 \leq i \leq n$, or
 - Case SR: $w = S_1 \circ \dots \circ S_n \circ R$ and $S_i \prec R$, for all $1 \leq i \leq n$.

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 - Case SR: $w = S_1 \circ \dots \circ S_n \circ R$ and $S_i \prec R$, for all $1 \leq i \leq n$.
- To ensure avoidance of undesirable classifications or inconsistencies, informally:
 - The domain/range class from left to right has to be equal or a superclass, on the lhs of the inclusion
 - Similarly for the outer domain and range on the lhs and domain and range of the object property on the rhs

Definition (Property Chain Compatibility Service (*ProChainS*))

For each set of object properties, $R, S_1, \dots, S_n \in \mathcal{R}$, \mathcal{R} the set of OWL object properties (V_{OP} in OWL 2) in OWL ontology \mathcal{O} , and $S_i \prec R$ with $1 \leq i \leq n$, \mathcal{O} adheres to the constraints of Definition 2 (and, more generally, the OWL 2 specification), and user-defined domain and range axioms as defined in Definition 1, for each of the property chain expression, select either one of the three cases:

Case S. Property chain pattern as $S_1 \circ S_2 \circ \dots \circ S_n \sqsubseteq R$. Test whether:

Test S-a. $\mathcal{O} \models R_{S_1} \sqsubseteq D_{S_2}, \dots, R_{S_{n-1}} \sqsubseteq D_{S_n}$;

Test S-b. $\mathcal{O} \models D_{S_1} \sqsubseteq D_R$;

Test S-c. $\mathcal{O} \models R_{S_n} \sqsubseteq R_R$;

Case RS. Property chain pattern as $R \circ S_1 \circ \dots \circ S_n \sqsubseteq R$. Test whether:

Test RS-a. $\mathcal{O} \models R_{S_1} \sqsubseteq D_{S_2}, \dots, R_{S_{n-1}} \sqsubseteq D_{S_n}$;

Test RS-b. $\mathcal{O} \models R_R \sqsubseteq D_{S_1}$;

Test RS-c. $\mathcal{O} \models R_{S_n} \sqsubseteq R_R$;

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Test SR-c. $\mathcal{O} \models R_{S_n} \sqsubseteq D_R$;

An OWL property chain expression is said to be compatible iff the OWL 2 syntactic constraints hold and either Case S, or Case RS, or Case SR holds.

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- or: How common are violations? which violations appear in ontologies 'in the wild'?
- Evaluated against 15 ontologies that have many OPs
- Two examples on next slide
- Then a summary of selection of TONES Repository ontologies (d.d. 12-3-2012) on next slide

BioTop's inconsistent 'has process role'

'has process role' in BioTop [Beisswanger et al.(2008)] (v. June 17, 2010) is inconsistent. Relevant axioms are:

$$\text{'has process role'} \sqsubseteq \text{'temporally related to'} \quad (\text{E.1})$$

$$\text{'has process role'} \sqsubseteq \text{'processual entity'} \times \text{role} \quad (\text{E.2})$$

$$\text{'temporally related to'} \sqsubseteq$$

$$\text{'processual entity'} \sqcup \text{quality} \times$$

$$\text{'processual entity'} \sqcup \text{quality} \quad (\text{E.3})$$

$$\text{role} \sqsubseteq \neg \text{quality} \quad (\text{E.4})$$

$$\text{role} \sqsubseteq \neg \text{'processual entity'} \quad (\text{E.5})$$

$$\text{Sym}(\text{'temporally related to'}) \quad (\text{E.6})$$

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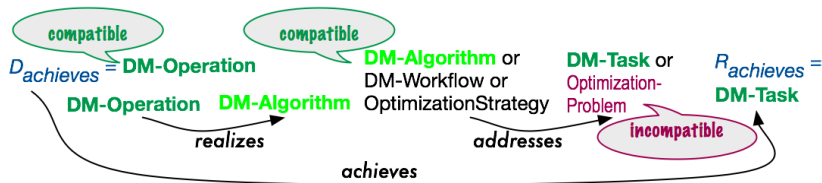
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BioTop's inconsistent 'has process role'

Use *SubProS* to isolate the flaw:

- Test 1: fail, because $R_{\text{hasprocessrole}} \sqsubseteq R_{\text{temporallyrelatedto}}$ is false, as the ranges (see E.2 cf. E.3) are disjoint (see E.4, E.5) and therewith 'has process role' is inconsistent;
- Test 2 and 3: pass.
- Test 4: not applicable.
- Test 5: fail, because \mathcal{O} does not contain $\text{Sym}(\text{'has process role'})$.
- Test 6–11: not applicable.

DMOP chain in v5.2



Of type Case S. Test S-c (for corrections) failed because $\mathcal{O} \not\models R_{DM-Task \sqcup OptimizationProblem} \sqsubseteq R_{DM-Task}$. Considering the suggestions for revision, step B's first option to revise the ontology was chosen, i.e., removing `OptimizationProblem` from the range axiom of `addresses`.

Ontology	No. of OPs	No. of SubOPs axioms	No. more constrained		Comments (partial)
			<i>D</i> or <i>R</i>	by char.	
DOLCE-lite	70	46	13	3	transitivity added
SAO 1.2	36	25	21	5	2 x transitivity; Test 6 fails on has Vesicle Component
airsystem	111	56	43	2	imports DUL. <i>ProChainS</i> fails
family-tree	52	25	14	2	fails Test 6 of <i>SubProS</i>
propreo	32	20	17	2	beyond OWL 2 DL (non-simple prop. in max card.)
heart	29	18	9	0	many inconsistencies
mygrid-unclassified	69	39	0	3	1 x transitive added
building Architecture	28	24	0	0	imports rcc, fails Test 5 of <i>SubProS</i> (omission Asym on properPartOf)
biotop	89	84	45	9	with transitivity; 'has process role' is inconsistent (disjoint ranges), see <i>Evaluation 1</i>

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Outline

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Don't reinvent the wheel

- Part-whole relations, probably received most attention in ontologies
- Spatial relations, and its interaction with parthood
- Participation, constitution, causation, ...
- Similarity: important for combination machine learning with ontologies

Taxonomy of part-whole relations

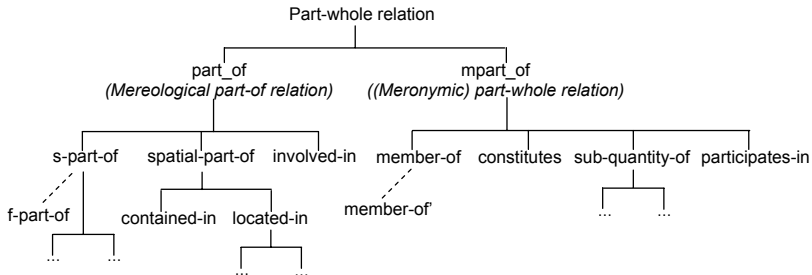
- Hierarchy of part-whole relations common in ontologies and conceptual data models
- Uses DOLCE foundational ontology [Masolo et al.(2003)] for domain and range of a relation
- Main distinction between transitive (parthood) vs non-transitive (just meronymic) part-whole relations
- Formally defined
- Details in [Keet and Artale(2008)]

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Part-whole relations



Part-whole relations

“member-bunch”, collective nouns (e.g. Herd, Orchestra) with their members (Sheep, Musician)

$$\forall x, y (member_of_n(x, y) \triangleq mpart_of(x, y) \wedge (POB(x) \vee SOB(x)) \wedge SOB(y))$$

“material-object”, that what something is made of (e.g., Vase and Clay)

$$\forall x, y (constitutes_{it}(x, y) \equiv constituted_of_{it}(y, x) \triangleq mpart_of(x, y) \wedge POB(y) \wedge M(x))$$

Part-whole relations

“quantity-mass”, “portion-object”, relating a smaller (or sub) part of an amount of matter to the whole. Two issues (glass of wine & bottle of wine vs. Salt as subquantity of SeaWater)

$$\forall x, y (sub_quantity_of_n(x, y) \triangleq mpart_of(x, y) \wedge M(x) \wedge M(y))$$

“noun-feature/activity”, entity participates in a process, like Enzyme that participates in CatalyticReaction

$$\forall x, y (participates_in_{it}(x, y) \triangleq mpart_of(x, y) \wedge ED(x) \wedge PD(y))$$

Part-whole relations

processes and sub-processes (e.g. Chewing is involved in the grander process of Eating)

$$\forall x, y (involved_in(x, y) \triangleq part_of(x, y) \wedge PD(x) \wedge PD(y))$$

Object and its 2D or 3D region, such as `contained_in`(John's address book, John's bag) and `located_in`(Pretoria, South Africa)

$$\begin{aligned} \forall x, y (contained_in(x, y) \triangleq & part_of(x, y) \wedge R(x) \wedge R(y) \wedge \\ & \exists z, w (has_3D(z, x) \wedge has_3D(w, y) \wedge ED(z) \wedge ED(w))) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\forall x, y (s_part_of(x, y) \triangleq part_of(x, y) \wedge ED(x) \wedge ED(y))$$



Knowledge and Google & AfriGIS



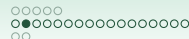
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- Can we do all that with mereology? Use only spatial relations? Combining mereo+spatial?

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Parts and space

- Could not represent all of parthood in OWL or any DL, worse for mereotopology, but tried anyway [Keet et al.(2012)]
- Example:
 - Let NTPLI be a 'non-tangential proper located in' relation
 - $\text{EnclosedCountry} \equiv \text{Country} \sqcap \exists \text{NTPLI}.\text{Country}$
 - $\text{NTPLI}(\text{Lesotho}, \text{South Africa}), \text{Country}(\text{Lesotho}), \text{Country}(\text{South Africa}),$
 - then it will correctly deduce $\text{EnclosedCountry}(\text{Lesotho}).$
 - with merely 'part-of', one would not have been able to obtain this result

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- 9-Intersection Method (9IM), based on point-set topology [Egenhofer and Herring(1990)]
- Region Connection Calculus (RCC), based on the reflexive and symmetric *connection* [Randell et al.(1992)]
- Neither one considers the **combination of the space region with the object that occupies it**
- This interaction is addressed by **mereotopology**, which focuses on spatial *entities*, not just regions.

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- consider both P and C as primitive
- introduce a ternary relation $CP(x, y, z)$, so that $P(x, y) =_{def} \exists z CP(x, z, y)$ and $C(x, y) =_{def} \exists z CP(x, y, z)$

Ground Topology

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$PP(x, y) \rightarrow \neg PP(y, x)$	(t27)		

Kuratowski General Extensional Mereology

Core axioms and definitions			
$P(x, x)$	(t1)	$P(x, y) \wedge P(y, z) \rightarrow P(x, z)$	(t2)
$P(x, y) \wedge P(y, x) \rightarrow x = y$	(t3)	$\neg P(y, x) \rightarrow \exists z(P(z, y) \wedge \neg O(z, x))$	(t4)
$\exists w \phi(w) \rightarrow \exists z \forall w (O(w, z) \leftrightarrow \exists v (\phi(v) \wedge O(w, v)))$			(t5)
$C(x, x)$	(t6)	$C(x, y) \rightarrow C(y, x)$	(t7)
$P(x, y) \rightarrow E(x, y)$	(t8)	$E(x, y) =_{df} \forall z (C(z, x) \rightarrow C(z, y))$	(t9)
$E(x, y) \rightarrow P(x, y)$	(t10)	$SC(x) \leftrightarrow \forall y, z (x = y + z \rightarrow C(y, z))$	(t11)
$\exists z (SC(z) \wedge O(z, x) \wedge O(z, y) \wedge \forall w (P(w, z) \rightarrow (O(w, x) \vee O(w, y)))) \rightarrow C(x, y)$			(t12)
$z = \sum x \phi x \rightarrow \forall y (C(y, z) \rightarrow \exists x (\phi x \wedge C(y, x)))$			(t13)
$P(x, cx)$	(t14)	$c(cx) = cx$	(t15)
$c(x + y) = cx + cy$	(t16)	$cx =_{df} \sim (ex)$	(t17)
$ex =_{df} i(\sim x)$	(t18)	$ix =_{df} \sum z \forall y (C(z, y) \rightarrow O(x, y))$	(t19)
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Subsets of KGEMT that can be represented in OWL

- Reason of differences: the object property characteristics (e.g. $t_1/t_6 = \text{ref. of P/C}$, $t_{25} = \text{irr. of PP}$, $t_2 = \text{trans.}$).
- The six definitions (PP, O, TPP, etc.) can be simplified and added as primitives to each one.

OWL species	Subsets of KGEMT axioms
OWL 2 DL	($t_1, t_2, t_6, t_7, t_8, t_{10}, t_{26}$) or ($t_1, t_2, t_6, t_7, t_8, t_{10}, t_{27}$) or ($t_1, t_2, t_6, t_7, t_8, t_{10}, t_{25}$)
OWL DL	$t_2, t_7, t_8, t_{10}, t_{26}$
OWL Lite	$t_2, t_7, t_8, t_{10}, t_{26}$
OWL 2 RL	$t_2, t_7, t_8, t_{10}, t_{26}$
OWL 2 EL	$t_1, t_2, t_6, t_8, t_{10}, t_{26}$
OWL 2 QL	$t_1, t_6, t_7, t_8, t_{10}$

- Importance depends on the desired inference scenarios; thus far, Trans, Sym, Asym, and Irr seem to be more interesting, i.e., giving precedence to OWL 2 DL and OWL 2 RL (See [Keet et al.(2012)] for details on reasoning trade-offs)

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Other relations in (foundational) ontologies

- Relation Ontology [Smith et al.(2005)]
- Relations that are sort-of temporal, but now not used as such; hence, one cannot reason 'fully' with them w.r.t. intended meaning
 - e.g.: derived-from, transformation-of
- dependence, inherence
- Attributes
- DOLCE's qualities

Some other aspects of relations (not covered now)

- constraints on participation (essential vs. immutable vs. mandatory)
- Modality, necessity, telic, atelic
- Temporal relations, relation migration
- n -ary relations and reifying (objectifying) them

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Any suggestions for actual ontology development?

- Using the taxonomy of part-whole relations
- Reasoner-guided relation selection
- Performance tradeoffs with inverses

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Using the taxonomy of part-whole relations

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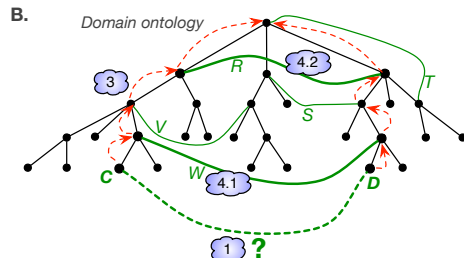
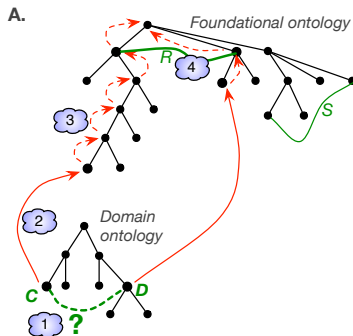
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 - The *RBox reasoning service* [Keet and Artale(2008)] or *SubProS* [Keet(2014)] to pinpoint errors

GENERATOR: Guided ENTity reuse and class Expression geneRATOR [Keet et al.(2013a)]



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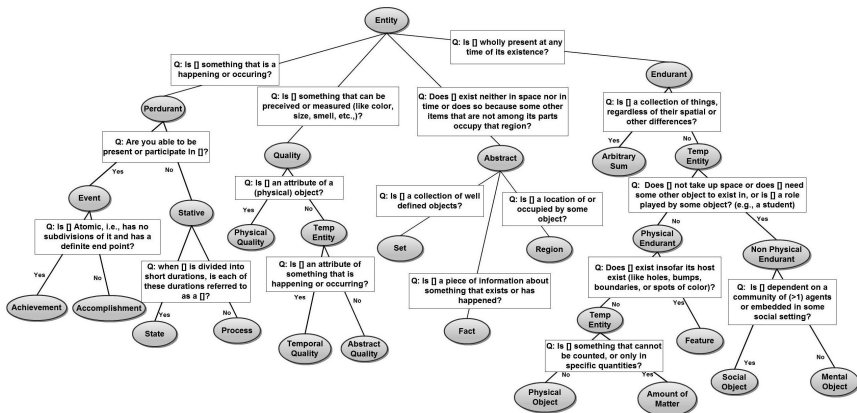
- FORZA: Foundational Ontology and Reasoner-enhanced axiomatiZAtion [Keet et al.(2013b)]
- Automated support for the linking with DOLCE categories
- Novel decision tree to categorise a subject domain class as a subclass of a DOLCE class (named D3)
- Novel algorithm that uses an automated reasoner to compute the applicable part-whole relation(s) between the selected classes (named OntoPartS-2)
- Avoids the common post-hoc checking, uses the reasoner to guide the 'trial' phase and reduce errors

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FORZA implementation

- OntoParts-2 (jar file)
- D3 as XML file
- Integrated in MoKI modelling wiki [Ghidini et al.(2009)]
- sourceforge.net/projects/cikmontology/files/CIKM2013.zip/download

Example (1/3)

Part: -- Dolce Category

Whole: -- Dolce Category

Select the direction of Relation

☒ Part to Whole ☐ Whole to Part ☐ Both directions

Get Relations

Choose one of these options to proceed further

☐ Is [Room] something that is happening or occurring?

☐ Is [Room] wholly present at any time of its existence?

☐ Does [Room] exist neither in space nor in time or does so because some other items that are not among its parts occupy that region?

☐ Is [Room] something that can be perceived or measured (like color, size, smell, etc.,)?

Proceed

Example (2/3)

Part: -- Dolce Category --

Whole: -- Dolce Category --

Select the direction of Relation

☒ Part to Whole ☐ Whole to Part ☐ Both directions

QA Support

Your Selected Category is:PhysicalObject

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Example (3/3)

Part: Dolce Category: ④

Whole: Dolce Category:

Select the direction of Relation

☒ Part to Whole ☐ Whole to Part ☐ Both directions ⑤

Found Relations

☐ sPartOf ⑥

Effects of features on reasoning

- Disjoint OPs, reflexivity, and qualified cardinality only on *simple* OPs in OWL 2. with *non-simple* when:
 - if \mathcal{O} contains an axiom $S \circ T \sqsubseteq R$
 - if R is non-simple, then so is its inverse R^{-}
 - if R is non-simple and \mathcal{O} contains any of the axioms $R \sqsubseteq S$, $S \equiv R$ or $R \equiv S$, then S is also non-simple
- Domain and range axioms
- Role hierarchy with domain and range axioms vs. ‘specialising’ in class axioms (with existential) [Hammar(2014)]
- Inverses (next slide)
- ‘understanding’ the reasoner, predicting performance a hot topic; e.g. [Goncalves et al.(2012), Kang et al.(2012)]

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- DMOP v5.4 with all `InverseObjectProperties`; test now by replacing those ($n = 45$) with `ObjectInverseOf(OP)` and compare

Inverses: performance results

Table: Classification times (in minutes) of DMOP and DMOP with `ObjectInverseOf()`. [Keet et al.(2014)]

Component of classification	DMOP v5.4	DMOP v5.4 inverses
Class Hierarchy	6 mins	3 mins
Object Property Hierarchy	2 mins	1 min
Data Type Property Hierarchy	<1 min	few secs
Class instances	about 1 min	<1 min

The `ObjectInverseOf()` feature of OWL 2 improves the reasoner performance in the ODE by at least a third.

Choose one involvement between Chewing and Eating

- Chewing involved-in some Eating
 $\text{Chewing} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{involved-in.Eating}$
- Chewing inverse(involves) some Eating
 $\text{Chewing} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{involves}^-. \text{Eating}$
- Eating involves some Chewing
 $\text{Eating} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{involves.Chewing}$
- Eating inverse(involved-in) some Chewing
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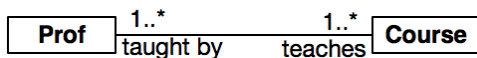
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How to formalise the UML diagram in OWL?



- teaches, taught-by, `InverseObjectProperties(teaches taught-by)`
 $\text{teaches} \sqsubseteq \mathcal{T} \times \mathcal{T}$
 $\text{taughtBy} \sqsubseteq \mathcal{T} \times \mathcal{T}$
 $\text{teaches} \equiv \text{taughtBy}^{-}$
- domain teaches: Prof, and range teaches: Course
 $\text{teaches} \sqsubseteq \text{Prof} \times \text{Course}$
- domain teaches: Prof, and range teaches: Course, domain taught-by: Course, range taught-by: Prof
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OWL files

- <http://www.meteck.org/teaching/ontologies/> has various versions of the African Wildlife Ontology (alone, linked to DOLCE, link to GFO)
- <http://www.meteck.org/files/ontologies/EvalComputer.owl> has no object properties at all. add both properties and axioms (details of exercise depends on number of participants)
- Pick one. Add missing object properties and/or axioms (details of exercise depends on number of participants)

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The Wildlife Ontology and DOLCE

- Giraffes eat leaves and twigs. how do Plant and Twig relate?
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- How would you represent the Size (Height, Weight, etc.) of an average adult elephant?
 - with *quality* and *quale*
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- How would you represent the Size (Height, Weight, etc.) of an average adult elephant?
 - with *quality* and *quale*
 - OWL data properties
 - What is the data type; integer, float, real, string?
 - Measure in meter, feet, kg, lb?
 - Introduce "ElephantHeight", and also "LionHeight", "GiraffeHeight", "ImpalaHeight", etc.?

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A computer ontology

- CPU and Desktop?
- Who are members of an Agile team?

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A computer ontology

- CPU and Desktop?
 - containment
- Who are members of an Agile team?
 - hasMember vs. memberOf

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